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resources matters a report containing its findings and recommendations, including any suggested legislation, resulting from that study. After receiving the report, the joint standing committee may report out legislation to implement any such recommendations.

LD 1940 An Act To Ensure That Building Codes Allow the Installation and Use of Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Products and Equipment That Use Certain Federally Regulated Refrigerants

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 524 amends the law regarding municipal building codes to provide that building codes, including the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code, may not prohibit the installation or use of “acceptable refrigeration or air conditioning products or equipment.” The term “acceptable refrigeration or air conditioning products or equipment” is defined to mean refrigeration or air conditioning products or equipment that use a refrigerant listed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency in regulations adopted pursuant to the federal Clean Air Act as acceptable, acceptable subject to use conditions or acceptable subject to narrowed use limits and that are installed in accordance with any applicable conditions or limitations imposed by those regulations.

LD 1964 An Act To Update Certain Water Quality Standards and To Reclassify Certain Waters of the State

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 551 implements recommendations of the Board of Environmental Protection resulting from its review of the State’s water quality classification system and related water quality standards pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 464, subsection 3, paragraph B, including specific updates to certain water quality standards and water quality classifications based on water quality data and the recommendations of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Environmental Protection and other parties. It also includes technical clarifications to certain board reporting responsibilities and the corresponding authority for legislation of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environment and natural resources matters.

LD 1970 An Act To Implement Agency Recommendations Relating to Sea Level Rise and Climate Resilience Provided Pursuant to Resolve 2021, Chapter 67

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 590 implements the following agency recommendations resulting from a review by multiple agencies of their respective laws and rules to determine changes necessary to